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**NOMS Client-level Measures for Discretionary
Programs Providing Direct Services**

NOTIFICATION REPORT GUIDE



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

The NOMs Client-level Measures (Services Activities) module Notification Report is a tool for grantees to use for tracking the assessments that are required for consumers after baseline.

There is one primary use for the Notification Report:

- Tracking **Reassessment Interviews**, which are due for most consumers every 6 months (calculated as 180 days).

There are three secondary uses for the Notification Report:

- Tracking **Administrative Reassessments** that are due for consumers who have refused to be interviewed (due every 6 months, calculated as 180 days).
- Tracking **Administrative Discharges** that are pending for consumers who have refused all data collection for SPARS (required when these consumers are discharged).
- Tracking **Open Consumers** which are consumers that haven't had a record entered into SPARS within the last 9 months (270 days).

This guide will provide you with the following information:

- key terms that you need when accessing the Notification Report,
- instructions for running the report and customizing it for your needs, and
- a description of how to use the report, including how to sort and search it.

SECTION A: KEY TERMS

This section presents brief definitions of terms used in the Notification Report and in this guide.

Program refers to the CMHS grant program that the grant(s) in this report are a part of.

Grant ID is the grant identification number assigned by CMHS.

Data entered as of is the cut-off date for this report. This report is updated once every 24 hours, and includes all data entered as of the time it was last updated.

Reassessment Interviews Due is the title for the first table in the report, which lists the reassessment interviews that are due as of the date and time listed at the top of the report. It is expected that you will do reassessment interviews with most consumers every 6 months (180 days), as described in the NOMs Client-level Measures (Services Activities) Question-by-Question Instruction Guide.

Administrative Reassessments Due is the title for the second table in the report, which lists the administrative reassessments that are due for those consumers who have refused interviews. You should submit administrative reassessments every 6 months (180 days) until the consumer is discharged, as described in the Services Activities Question-by-Question Instruction Guide.

Administrative Discharges pending (“Consumer Refused All Interviews” or “No Data”) is the title for the third table in the report, which lists the administrative discharges that are pending for those consumers who have refused all data for SPARS. As described in the Services Activities Question-by-Question guide, you should submit administrative discharges for these consumers when they are discharged.

Open Consumers (Consumers with no activity in SPARS for the past 270 days (9 months)) is the title for the fourth table in the report, which lists all consumers for which a record has not been entered into SPARS for 270 days (9 months) or more. Consumers that have been discharged or have a record that indicates in Section I that no contact has been made for 90 days will not be listed. For records included in this table, grantees should attempt to reach and interview consumers as soon as possible. Please note: Due to data entry deadlines, it may only be possible to enter an administrative discharge.

Consumer ID is a unique consumer identifier that is determined by the grantee. Consumer IDs listed in each section of the report have a reassessment interview, an administrative reassessment, or a discharge due.

Baseline Interview Date is the date on which the NOMs Client-level Measures (Services tool) Baseline Interview was conducted or is the First Received Services Date for administrative Baseline records.

Reassessment identifies the type of reassessment interview that is due.

Earliest Date of Eligibility is 30 calendar days prior to the reassessment due date. This is the earliest date on which you can conduct a reassessment and have it be counted toward your reassessment interview rate.

Due Date is the date on which the Reassessment Interview is due.

Latest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment is 30 calendar days after the Reassessment Interview due date. This is the latest date on which you can conduct a reassessment and have it be counted toward your reassessment interview rate.

Last record submitted applies to pending administrative discharges and open consumers. It shows the last interview type that was collected for a given consumer.

Last attempted interview date applies to pending administrative discharges only. It is the date you last attempted to interview the consumer. This should also be the date that the consumer refused all future interviews.

Last Record or Interview Date applies to Open Consumers only. It is the Interview Date of the last record submitted. If Interview Date is not valid for the last record submitted, such as if an administrative record was submitted rather than an interview, then:

- For Baselines, the First Received Services date will be shown.
- For Reassessments, the Last Received Services Date will be shown. If the Last Received Services Date is not valid, then the reassessment's Due Date will be shown.

Grant Inactivate Date is the date at which data can no longer be entered into SPARS for the grant. It is usually 180 days after the end date of the grant.

Role is your role in the SPARS system. Your role governs what you can view in the system. Some roles include project director, grantee staff, and government project officer (GPO). The general rule of thumb is that you can run reports for the grant(s) and/or grant program(s) you are associated with. For example, most grant project directors or grantee staff are associated with just one grant and would only see data for the one grant they are associated with.

SECTION B: RUNNING THE REPORT

To run the Notification Report in the SPARS system, there are three steps:

1. Navigate to the Notification Report menu
2. Select the criteria for the reports you wish to view (optional)
3. View the report

NOTE: To run a default report, just click “Download Report.”

You can skip step 2, selecting the criteria for your report. You only need to select criteria if you want to customize your report by sorting or filtering it.

Step 1: Navigate to the Report

From the top navigation bar, select “Data Entry & Reports,” then select “for CMHS Users.”

Select “CMHS Reports” to open the SPARS CMHS Reports page.

Select “Notification Report” on the left menu.

Step 2: Select the Criteria (optional)

You can set several criteria for the Notification Report. These criteria specify what data will be included in your report. To set criteria, use the pull-down menus and text boxes on the Notification Report screen. The following report criteria are available and are described in more detail below.

- A. Consumer ID contains
- B. Baseline Interview Date
- C. Earliest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment
- D. Due Date
- E. Latest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment
- F. Last Attempted Interview Date
- G. Sort by
- H. Sort Order
- I. Show glossary
- J. Program or Grant

For all the filters that require you to enter something in a box (for example, consumer ID, baseline interview date, etc.), leaving the box blank will include all consumers. Blank is the default for all of these items.

A. Output as

You can output your report in HTML, PDF, RTF or Excel. The default is PDF.

B. Consumer ID contains

Use this option if you are searching for an individual consumer, or group of consumers. You can enter all or part of a consumer ID. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

C. Baseline Interview Date

Use this date to search for notifications that pertain to consumers with a baseline interview date before or after a date that you enter. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

D. Earliest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment

Use this date to search for notifications for reassessment windows that open before or after a date that you enter. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

E. Due Date

Use this date to search for notifications for reassessments that are due before or after a date that you enter. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

F. Latest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment

Use this date to search for notifications for reassessment windows that close before or after a date that you enter. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

G. Last Attempted Interview Date

Use this date to search for notifications for administrative reassessments for consumers who were last interviewed before or after a particular date. The default is blank, which will include all consumers.

H. Sort by

By default, the report is sorted as follows:

- The reassessment interviews due table is sorted by reassessment due date
- The administrative reassessments due table is sorted by reassessment due date
- The administrative discharges pending table is sorted by the last interview date

To change how the tables are sorted, make a selection from the pull-down menu.

I. Sort Order

You can choose ascending (low to high) or descending (high to low) order for your sort. The default is ascending.

J. Show glossary

If you want to review a glossary of terms for the report, select yes. The glossary items also appear in the “key terms” section of this guide. The default is to *not* show the glossary.

K. Program or Grant

This section lists the grants or programs you can run the report for. By default, all the grants or programs you have access to will be selected.

Step 3: View the Report

Click “Download Report” to generate the report. Your report will be downloaded to your computer in the output file type you selected. You will see four tables for each grant in your report, as shown below.

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Services Notification Report

Grant Status: All grants
Grant Information Contains: N/A
Consumer ID
Baseline Interview Date: Greater than 9/30/2008
Earliest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment: N/A
Due Date: N/A
Latest Date of Eligibility for Reassessment: N/A
Last Attempted Interview Date: N/A
Sort By: Default
Sort Order: Ascending
Show Glossary: No
Selected Program(s): Sample Program
Grant(s): SM99999
Data entered as of: 5/16/2011 10:01 PM (ET)

Notes:

1. This report is updated once every 24 hours, and includes all data entered as of the time it was last updated. Check the date and time at the top of this report to see when it was last updated.

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Reassessment Interviews Due

Interview these consumers every 6 months (180 days) until discharged.
 (Note: Administrative Reassessments will not remove the consumer from the Reassessment Interviews Due section.)

Consumer ID	Baseline Interview Date	Reassessment	Earliest Date of Eligibility	Due Date	Latest Date of Eligibility
123	1/1/2009	18 th -month	5/26/2010	6/25/2010	7/25/2010
456	1/14/2010	6 th -month	6/13/2010	7/13/2010	8/12/2010
222	1/15/2010	6 th -month	6/14/2010	7/14/2010	8/13/2010

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Administrative Reassessments Due

Submit administrative reassessments for these consumers every 6 months (180 days) until discharged.

Consumer ID	Baseline Interview Date	Reassessment	Earliest Date of Eligibility	Due Date	Latest Date of Eligibility
B33	5/3/2009	6 th -month	9/30/2009	10/30/2009	11/29/2009
9543	1/14/2010	12 th -month	12/10/2010	1/9/2011	2/8/2011

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Administrative Discharges Pending (“Consumer Refused All Interviews” or “No Data”)

Submit administrative discharges for these consumers when appropriate.

Consumer ID	Baseline Interview Date	Last Record Submitted	Last Attempted Interview Date	Grant Inactivate Date
A32	8/25/2009	Baseline	8/25/2009	9/30/2012
957	4/6/2009	6 th -month	10/7/2009	9/30/2012
631	3/14/2011	Baseline	3/14/2011	9/30/2012

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Open Consumers (Consumers with no activity in for the past 270 days (9 months))

Submit a reassessment or discharge record for these consumers as appropriate.

Consumer ID	Baseline Interview Date	Last Record Submitted	Last Record or Interview Date	Grant Inactivate Date
123	8/25/2009	Baseline	8/25/2009	9/30/2012
456	4/6/2009	6 th -month	10/7/2009	9/30/2012
789	3/14/2011	Baseline	3/14/2011	9/30/2012

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SECTION C: USING THE REPORT

What information does the Notification Report show?

The report consists of four tables for each grant: Reassessment Interviews Due, Administrative Interviews Due, Discharge Interviews Pending, and Open Consumers.

The heading of each table shows the Program and Grant ID for which it includes data.

This report includes all data entered as of the date and time at the top. The report is updated once every 24 hours – check the date on the cover page to see when it was last updated.

The following section describes each table in the report, one at a time:

Reassessment Interviews Due table

Purpose: This table shows the reassessment interviews that are due for your grant.

Use: Use this table to track what reassessment interviews you need to do soon.

Reading the table from left to right, it shows:

- **Consumer ID**: The individual consumers who are due for a reassessment.
- **Baseline Interview Date**: The date a consumer’s baseline interview was conducted. First Received Services Date is used for administrative Baseline records.

- **Reassessment:** The specific reassessment that is due (6th month, 18th-month, etc.)
- **Earliest Date of Eligibility:** The date you can begin attempting to collect the reassessment and receive credit toward your reassessment rate if it's a conducted interview. (Administrative interviews do not count.)
- **Due Date:** The date that is six months (180 days) after the baseline interview date
- **Latest Date of Eligibility:** The date by which you need to have completed the reassessment interview in order to receive credit toward your reassessment rate (as long as it is a conducted interview. Administrative interviews do not count).

Reading the report from *top to bottom*, the report shows the six pieces of information described above (shown in the first row) for each of the consumers in your selected grant(s) or program(s) who is due for a reassessment.

Consumers appear on the report when their earliest date of eligibility begins, and are no longer shown after either a) a reassessment interview or discharge is entered or b) the latest date of eligibility has passed.

Administrative Reassessments Due table

Purpose: This table shows the *administrative* reassessments that are due for your grant. For records prior to 4/1/2013, these reassessments are due for consumers who refused to do an interview previously, and for who you indicated you would enter administrative data in the future (Record management question 2b). This table is not applicable for episodes of care that began on or after 4/1/2013.

Use: Use this table to track what *administrative* reassessments you need to do soon.

Reading the table from left to right, it shows:

- **Consumer ID:** The individual consumers who are due for an *administrative* reassessment.
- **Baseline Interview Date:** The date a consumer's baseline interview was conducted. First Received Services Date is used for administrative Baseline records.
- **Reassessment:** The specific reassessment that is due (6th month, 18th-month, etc.)
- **Earliest Date of Eligibility:** The earliest date you can enter the reassessment.
- **Due Date:** The date that is six months (180 days) after the baseline interview date (or last reassessment date)

- Latest Date of Eligibility: The date by which you should try to have completed the administrative reassessment.

Reading the report from *top to bottom*, the report shows the six pieces of information described above (shown in the first row) for each of the consumers in your selected grant(s) or program(s) who is due for an administrative reassessment.

Consumers appear on the report when their earliest date of eligibility begins, and are no longer shown after either a) an administrative reassessment interview or discharge is entered or b) the latest date of eligibility has passed.

Administrative Discharges Pending table

Purpose: This table shows the *administrative* discharges that are pending for consumers who refused to do an interview previously. For records prior to 4/1/2013, the consumer refused an interview and you indicated you would enter “no data” in the future (Record management question 2b). For records after 4/1/2013, “Refused all interviews” was indicated on record management. You should continue attempting to do discharge interviews for all other consumers.

Use: Use this table to track what *administrative* discharges you need to do when appropriate.

Reading the table from left to right, it shows:

- Consumer ID: The individual consumers who are due for an *administrative* reassessment.
- Baseline Interview Date: The date a consumer’s baseline interview was conducted. First Received Services Date is used for administrative Baseline records.
- Last Record Submitted: The type and time point of the last interview conducted for each consumer.
- Last Attempted Interview Date: The last time you attempted to interview the consumer. This is also the date that the consumer refused all future data collection.
- Grant Inactivate Date: The date that access to SPARS ends for your grant. This is usually 180 days after the grant ends. If appropriate, all pending administrative discharges should be entered by this date.

Reading the report from *top to bottom*, the report shows the five pieces of information described above (shown in the first row) for each of the consumers in your selected grant(s) or program(s) for whom an administrative discharge is pending.

Consumers appear on the report as soon as you enter an interview that indicates you will not submit data for them in the future (Record management question 2b). A consumer will stay on the report until an administrative discharge is entered for them.

Open Consumers table

Purpose: This table shows consumers that have not had a record entered into SPARS within the past 270 days (9 months).

Use: Use this table to see which consumers need to be contacted for an interview or discharged in SPARS.

Reading the table from left to right, it shows:

- **Consumer ID:** The individual consumers who need a record entered into SPARS because no record has been entered into SPARS for 270 days (9 months) or more.
- **Baseline Interview Date:** The date a consumer's baseline interview was conducted. First Received Services Date is used for administrative Baseline records.
- **Last Record Submitted:** The last record (which could be an interview or an administrative record) entered for each consumer.
- **Last Record or Interview Date:** The date of the last record entered into SPARS.
- **Grant Inactivate Date:** The date that access to SPARS ends for your grant. This is usually 180 days after the grant ends. All records should be entered before this date.

Consumers appear in this table if 270 days (9 months) have passed since the last record was entered into SPARS. A consumer will not appear on the report if a discharge record has been entered or if a reassessment record has been entered that indicates in Section I that the grantee has not had contact with the consumer for 90 days or more.

THINGS TO REMEMBER / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- This report only shows the reassessments that are currently due. It does not show the consumers that are past due for a reassessment, nor will it provide you information on the dates for future reassessment due dates.
- Reassessment due dates are always based on the original *baseline date* for each consumer. This exact date is the '*due date*'. The reassessment window consists of 30 calendar days before and after this due date.
- If your user account was just created, you may not have access to this report for up to 36 hours.

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For technical support or questions about SPARS, please contact the SPARS Help Desk.

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